



BLREER WAR.

AN UMERICAN AJVENTURE OF TAJTY TREACHERY FOR 3+ LEVEL CHARACTERS

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ABBREVIATION KEY

In the text of this book, several other books will be referenced via abbreviations. Here is the key to the abbreviations.

Dungeon Crawl Classics → DCC

Umerican Survival Guide → USG

Twisted Menagerie Manual → TMM

Crawling Under a Broken Moon zine → CUaBM

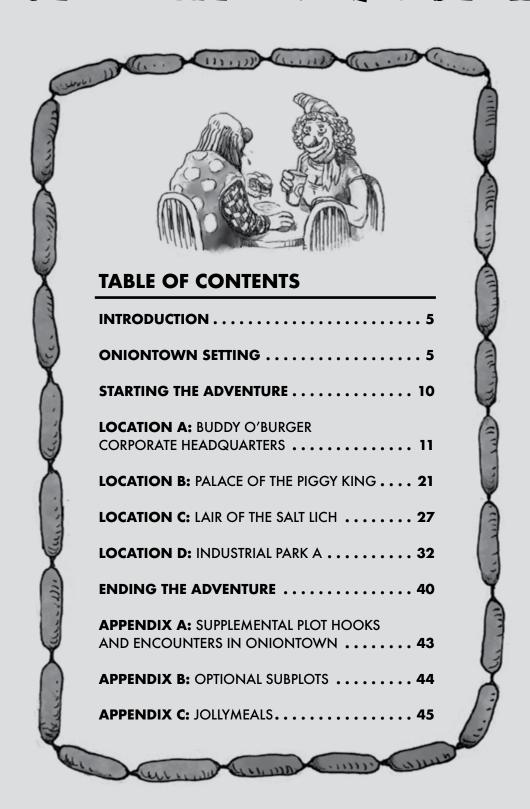


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Welcome to Oniontown and the Burger Wars! This adventure is an open-ended sandbox in which the PCs can explore Oniontown, take assignments, ally themselves with one or more factions and even double- or triple-cross those factions. This adventure was written for 6-8 third level PCs. In playtest, they found it a formidable challenge and will likely need downtime and recovery periods between hostile exploration of the main locations. Taking its inspiration from films like *A Fistful of Dollars*, Burger Wars is meant to put the PCs in charge of their destinies and it is expected therefore to be a different experience for every group that plays it.

To this end, there is no linear progression beyond the first "setup" encounter. The PCs may decide to scout Oniontown, go right to Buddy HQ or one of the other factions, or drift aimlessly in the mostly abandoned city. Used in this fashion, it can provide many sessions of play, particularly if the PCs enjoy the intrigue and negotiation implied in the setting.

Please note that Oniontown is a huge place and the GM can fill in the mostly empty city with all kinds of other encounters, factions, NPCs, and wandering monsters, particularly if the PCs want to make the city a base of operations. The encounters and intrigues of Umerican Burger Wars are only the tip of the iceberg (lettuce)!

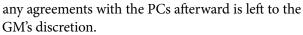
But for short-term play and one-shots, feel free to adapt any of the locations to a dungeon-crawl session. Any one of the main locations detailed herein ought to provide about the right amount of mayhem for a 3-5 hour convention game.

ONIONTOWN SETTING

Oniontown is meant to be what's left of a large American city (now a destitute large Umerican city). For decades the Buddy O'Burger cult has been the dominant power of Oniontown, mostly due to their ability to conjure meaty meals by way of their clown-priests. Only recently has the hateful Salt Lich, the Dead Prince of Preservatives, laid a curse upon the Buddy cult that prevents them from creating food (including the spells food of the gods and healing feast). Sensing weakness, the Piggy King and his Piggy pal followers are

taking steps to undermine the Buddy cult and assert their own dominance over the town.

In addition, all of the major faction leaders are aware of a valuable stock of food in the highly secured Industrial Park A complex, but they have been frustrated in their efforts to enter the complex and claim the prizes therein. This will be a main reason that the Buddy cult or the Piggy King (or possibly both!) would hire the PCs, but how and if those parties honor



The Buddy O'Burger cult is the main power in the city when game play begins, but they are being challenged by other factions and who knows what else will emerge if a power vacuum is created? For now, the safest affiliation is with the Buddy O'Burger cult, whose adherents (The Beloved) are marked with a clown face brand on the palm of their right hand. This mark is checked any time someone claims to be a devotee of Buddy.

Why are there no other large factions in Oniontown? Primarily because most of the survivors have joined the Buddy cult or been transformed into Piggy pals. And since the Salt Lich has placed his curse on the Buddy priests, most other living creatures in Oniontown became... food.

Most of Oniontown has no electricity; only Buddy HQ and the Piggy Palace are exceptions to this rule. But old traffic lights, stop signs, mailboxes, and all other detritus of the late modern era linger on. Most valuable commodities were looted long ago, but the city was huge once and looters aren't known to be that methodical—who knows what's around the next corner?

If you like boats, the lake on the northern side of town has plenty of potential plot hooks, from freshwater monsters to lake pirates. In the other directions, miles and miles of once-suburban sprawl eventually give way to fallow, sometimes environmentally destroyed farmland. There are plenty of places to hide and plenty of places where new threats to the PCs are definitely hiding.



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The Random Encounters one might have in Oniontown are almost unlimited. Those detailed here are meant to be the most likely things to encounter while scouting or traveling through the city. For every hour spent away from a faction's headquarters, the GM should roll a 1d7; on a 1, a random encounter is generated.

The first five encounters are essentially unlimited in number. The cake horror will only be encountered once if destroyed or otherwise banished from Oniontown. If you wish to go further afield than the encounters below, please see *Appendix A: Supplemental Plot Hooks and Encounters in Oniontown*.

Roll 1d6 to determine random encounter type:

- 1. Buddy Buddies (feral children)
- 2. Clownaut Patrol (Meat Wagon)
- 3. Piggy Pals
- 4. Litter Mummies
- 5. Cyber Ghouls (from *TMM*)
- 6. Cake Horror (only one, no encounter if this result comes up after it has been destroyed).

RANDOM ENCOUNTER 1: BUDDY BUDDIES

Buddy buddy (3d7): Init +2; Atk serrated knife, spiked club or chopper +2 melee (1d5); AC 12; Armor Die nil; HD 1d6; hp 3 each; MV 35'; Act 1d20; SP +2 to all attacks and damage if 3 or more are attacking the same enemy; SV Fort +2, Ref +2, Will +0; AL L.

Buddy buddies are ragtag adolescents (both boys and girls) in makeshift clown outfits, dyed hair, and often with oversized rubbery gloves and/or shoes. Aspiring to "Clownscendance" one day, they are still physically human. Though fiercely violent, they serve a lawful god and will not attack anyone marked as Beloved by their leaders.

The Buddy buddies are generally friendly to strangers and will be happy to proselytize on behalf of their god.

While they will be helpful to strangers within reason, they are easily bored and will prefer to move on quickly from long bouts of conversation in order to scavenge gear, fight with infidels or gather blessed meat (since the Buddy pipeline has been severed).

Though the Buddy buddies easily turn violent, they are not suicidal and will hesitate to openly attack superior numbers of competent-looking PCs. Wounded PCs are a different matter entirely.

After a combat, any surviving Buddy buddies will use their walkie-talkies to summon the clownug patrol (45% chance of patrol being in range): If defeated, the survivors call in reinforcements. If victorious, the survivors want to gather the meat for their leaders.

RANDOM ENCOUNTER 2: CLOWNUG PATROL / MEAT WAGON

Since the magical food pipeline from Buddy O'Burger was cut off, the clownug patrols are always out looking for meat. They will never attack any creatures or characters designated as Beloved (see above). They may be called in by Buddy buddies as reinforcements.

If confronted by a superior force, they will act opportunistically and gather what meat they can before retreating. They are crafty adversaries, not adverse to stalking their prey, but will not attack unless the odds appear to be in their favor.

Roll 1d7 to determine their vehicle: 1)hearse; 2-3)food truck; 4-5) ambulance; 6) station wagon; 7) freezer truck (for this result, double the number of clownugs and buddies encountered). The Clownugs travel with 2d4 Buddy buddies as machine gun fodder and menial servants.

For more information on clownugs, see the TMM, pg 27.

Clownug (1d3+1): Init +2; Atk bite +4 melee (1d7+3), fist +3 melee (1d4+3, subdual or lethal), or by machete (1d5+3); AC 12; Armor Die 1d3; HD 2d10; hp 11 each; MV 45'; Act 1d20; SP FEED!; SV Fort +4, Ref +2, Will +0; AL L.

Buddy buddy (2d4): Init +2; Atk serrated knife, spiked club or chopper +2 melee (1d5); AC 12; Armor Die nil; HD 1d6; hp 3 each; MV 35'; Act 1d20; SP +2 to all attacks and damage if 3 or more are attacking the same enemy; SV Fort +2, Ref +2, Will +0; AL L.

